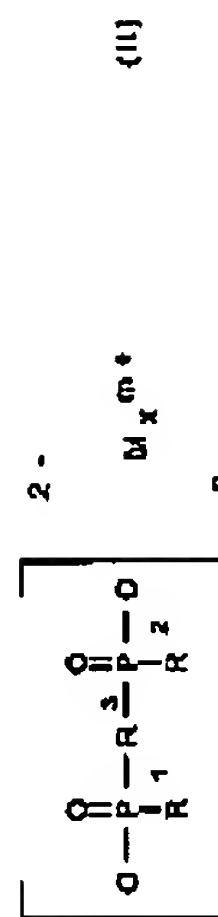
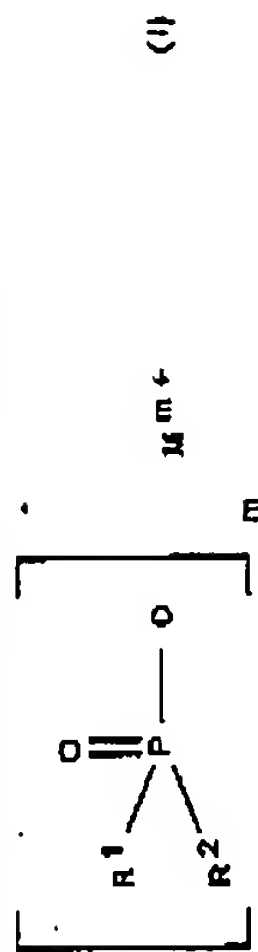


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# Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, comprising an organophosphorus flame retardant component, and at least one dust-reduction additive, wherein the at least one dust reduction additive is non-aqueous, and wherein the dust-reduction additive comprises alkalkoxylates having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms and from 1 to 80 EO units per mole of alcohol.

2. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organophosphorus flame-retardant component is selected from the group consisting of a phosphinic salt of the formula (I) a diposphinic salt of the formula (II), a polymer of formula (I), a polymer of formula (II), and a mixture of polymers of formula (I) and (II).



where

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are identical or different and are C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, linear or branched, or aryl;

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$R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkylene, linear or branched,  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$ -arylene, -alkylarylene, or -arylalkylene;

$M$  is Mg, Ca, Al, Sb, Sn, Ge, Ti, Zn, Fe, Zr, Ce, Bi, Sr, Mn, Li, Na, K, and a protonated nitrogen base;

$m$  is from 1 to 4;

$n$  is from 1 to 4;

$x$  is from 1 to 4.

3. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein  $M$  is calcium, aluminum or zinc.

4. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are identical or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl, linear or branched, or phenyl.

5. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are identical or different, and are methyl, ethyl,  $n$ -propyl, isopropyl,  $n$ -butyl,  $tert$ -butyl,  $n$ -pentyl, or phenyl.

6. through 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. through 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, which has a median particle size of from 0.1 to 1000  $\mu m$ .

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22. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, having an average bulk density of from 80 to 800 g/l.
23. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of amount of dust-reduction additive to that of organophosphorus flame-retardant component is from 1:99 to 1:4.
24. through 39. (Cancelled)
40. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level as claimed in claim 1, which has a median particle size of from 1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .
41. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level as claimed in claim 1, having an average bulk density of from 200 to 700 g/l.
42. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of amount of dust-reduction additive to that of organophosphorus flame-retardant component is from 1:99 to 1:19.